

# **Rush County Health Board Meeting**

Date: September 18, 2018, 7:00 P.M.

## Attendees:

Russell Daugherty, Interim MD-Health Officer Tai Morrell, FNP- Chairperson Kendra Steible Marge Amos Carol Yager – MT Greg Pratt, RPh Geoff Wesling- Attorney Sherry McKinney- Clerical

### Guests

Desmond Stevens- refused to sign in

Jerry Stevens- refused to sign in

Called meeting to order at 7:05 P. M.

Tai introduced Geoff Wesling as a potential replacement lawyer. They asked him some questions and discussed the position with him. Tai asked Geoff to step out for a moment and after some discussion, Kendra made a motion to ask Geoff Wesling to be the Health Board Attorney. Carol seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried. Tai asked Geoff to rejoin the meeting.

#### Guests:

Mr. Stevens told the board he was concerned about a septic permit he had applied for two months ago. Tai told Mr. Stevens she would speak with Kim Roe from the state and try and get an answer from her and let them know what she has to say. The Stevens are still concerned about the Geise situation, and the board told them that they are trying to get that situation taken care of.

#### **New Business:**

Tai has spoken with Dr. Welsh and Dr. Kedo concerning the Health Officer position and they would consider it if there were an Office Manager in the office. Tai is going to try and talk with some other Doctors. The board also needs to find two board member replacements. Tai also discussed the resumes received for the Environmental position. The advertisement for the position runs until the twenty-first of September. Tai asked the board if they wanted to have an executive meeting to discuss staff positions, salaries, Environmental and Office Manager Position and restructuring the office. The meeting will be on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

# Stevens/Geise Update:

Tai is going to get Geoff all the paperwork from Leigh Morning about the Stevens/Geise situation so he can read over the notes that she has. The board discussed the options that the Geise have. Marge told the board that the she had received a call from Mr. Geise and told them the situation. She told the Geise what the board was expecting from them and what he needed to do.

# **Financial Report:**

Tai told the board that the budget has been approved. All figures stayed the same, except the salaries. The employees are getting a one percent increase instead of a two percent increase. Sherry told the board that she needed to transfer three thousand dollars from the Health Officer's account to the new account set up for Dr. Daugherty, the interim Health Officer. Kendra moved to approve the transfer of funds. Greg seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

## **Review of Minutes & Reports:**

The August Minutes were presented for review. Greg moved to accept the minutes. Kendra seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the Nursing, Preparedness, Environmental, and Community Outreach reports. Kendra moved to accept the reports. Carol seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried. Carol asked if the three HEPA's were part of the outbreak and Marge told her no. Tai asked about the Health Department's Flu Vaccine. Marge told the board that we have plenty of vaccine, and that Health Department welcomes anyone to the Health Office to get a flu shot. There is no cost, but donations are accepted.

## **Old Business:**

Meridian Health has been going to the jail to sign the inmates up for health insurance. Centerstone has been going for mental health issues. They are going on alternate months.

Tai went to the LCC meeting on Monday and ultimately she would like the Health Officer and someone from the Health Office to go to the LCC meetings, to get more involved with the Opioid epidemic, but until we get the office built back up we will put it on hold. At the meeting they discussed the Recovery House and Tai suggested at the meeting that they should have someone leading the efforts and breaking it up into Health education and Community Correctional. She would like for the Health Department to help the LCC with the Recovery House and to help them get some grants.

Greg told the board the October 27, 2018 is the next National Drug take back day. Greg said they were thinking about doing a "Shred and Meds" day. That would let people bring in things that needed to be shredded, but wasn't quite sure about the shreds, had to check into it.

Tai talked about the Willkie Day's bike ride. She was told that there were over two hundred bike riders and they came from five different states.

Sherry told the board that she is getting with Jerry and talk to him about changes to the website.

Tai asked what was going on with the Mocha Moose, Sherry said she has a call out to the state to get some information.

Dr. Daugherty brought up that we still need to find two other people for the board to replace the ones that have resigned. Greg made a motion to ask Dr. Lasar to be a member of our board. Kendra seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion Carried.

## Adjournment:

Kendra made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:25 P.M.

Next meeting October 16, 2018 7:00 P.M.